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COMNAVREGSW NOTICE 5100

From: Commander, Navy Region Southwest

Subj: INTERIM TRAFFIC SAFETY POLICY (DISTRACTED DRIVING)

Ref: (a) AR 190-5/OPNAV 11200.5D/AFI 31-218(I)/MCO
5110.1C/DLAR 5720.1, Motor Vehicle Traffic
Supervision, of 25 Jan 06
(b) OPNAVINST 5100.12G, Navy Traffic Safety Program

1. Purpose. Promulgate interim policy regarding driver activities and devices known to divert attention away from the road and to reduce risk of motor vehicle crashes.
2. Background. OPNAV 11200.5D(4)(I) incorporated by reference (a) provides Department of Defense (DoD) joint traffic guidance for reducing distracted driving on military installations. This includes new prohibitions for use of cellular telephones while driving. Reference (b) is currently under revision and, upon release, will include specific Navy policy on distracted driving. This notice is being issued in the interim as general guidance to reduce distracted driving related mishaps on Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) installations.
3. Applicability. This notice applies to all Navy personnel, civilian employees, family members, contractors, tenants, and visitors, except for fire, emergency, or law enforcement and security personnel operating government-owned or leased vehicles on NRSW installations.
4. Policy. Effective immediately, all motor vehicle operators on a NRSW installation and operators of government-owned vehicles, except for fire, emergency, or law enforcement and security personnel using official communication device will comply with the following:
 - a. Driver use of a hand-held cellular phone in a moving vehicle is hereby prohibited.

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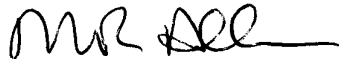
b. The prohibition against using hand-held cellular phones does not include hands-free cellular phone devices. Hands-free devices include console/dash-mounted or otherwise secured cellular phones with integrated features such as voice-activation, speed dial, speakerphone or other similar technology for sending and receiving calls.

c. Driver use of any portable, personal listening device worn inside the aural canal, around or covering the driver's ear while operating a motor vehicle, except for fire and emergency response or law enforcement/security purposes, is prohibited. Listening devices include wired or wireless earphones and headphones (including blue tooth or similar technology), and do not include hearing aides or devices designed and required for hearing enhancement.

d. Although not prohibited by this notice, vehicle operators should be encouraged to voluntarily take steps to restrict other potential driver distractions. These include operating a CD player, radio or navigational device, retrieving items from the back seat or floor board, consuming a meal, reading, shaving, dressing, putting on make-up, or attempting to perform any other activity in a moving vehicle that is unrelated to driving.

5. Enforcement. This notice shall be enforced by base security. Violations of this interim guidance are subject to actions described in OPNAV 11200.5D(4)(II) of reference (a). Administrative actions (reprimand, assessment of points, loss of on-base driving privileges) may be initiated against persons who violate this notice by driver use of a hand-held cellular phone in a moving vehicle. Enforcement of violations will commence 30 days (grace period) after implementation.

6. Cancellation Contingency. This notice shall remain in effect until superseded by another notice bearing the same subject.



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